

## HOW MURPHY AIDS T. F. RYAN TO OWE MILLIONS TO CITY

Cohalan, Leader's Man, Holds  
Up Collection of \$30,000,-  
000 Due in Taxes.

### ASSESSMENT IS HALVED.

\$10,000,000 Valuation by  
State Board of Third Avenue  
Road Made \$5,000,000.

Daniel F. Cohalan, Tammany Leader  
Charles F. Murphy's young legal ad-  
viser, has defeated the taxpayers of  
New York City in the collection of  
between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000 in un-  
paid taxes from Thomas F. Ryan's  
street railway lines and gas and electric  
light companies. This is enough  
money, if paid into the city's treasury,  
to either duplicate the entire street  
surface railway system or build an  
other subway.

Cohalan was sworn as a special  
deputy attorney-general one year and  
six months ago, and assigned speci-  
fically to the task of liquidating this  
great corporate indebtedness, which  
runs over a term of eight years. His  
appointment was dictated by Murphy,  
who professed at the time to be eager  
to put the Democratic organization  
here on record for the people and  
against the corporations.

### Legal Way Was Cleared.

As the laws authorizing this taxation  
have been upheld by the Court of Ap-  
peals and the United States Supreme  
Court, Cohalan had a wonderful oppor-  
tunity to demonstrate the full measure  
of Murphy's professions. Little or no  
effort has been made to enforce pay-  
ment of the taxes.

Why?  
Because Cohalan was ordered by  
Murphy to loaf on his job; because  
Ryan controls Murphy, and there-  
fore never was any intention of forcing  
the collection of unpaid taxes from the  
favored creditors of the city.

After the New York State Court of  
Appeals decided April 28, 1903, that the  
Special Franchise law was constitutional  
there was no further excuse for delay  
on the part of Mr. Ryan's corporations  
in paying up. The decision was unani-  
mous. But the street railway and gas  
and electric corporations came into  
court in certiorari proceedings. They  
objected to the valuations put upon  
their franchises by the State Board.  
They wanted a review and asked certain  
changes in valuation.

Most of these cases were turned over  
to referees, among whom was ex-Judge  
Ernest Hall, of No. 62 William street.  
In fact, the principal proceedings are col-  
lection of ex-Judge Hall. To press the col-  
lection of these unpaid taxes in these  
certain proceedings, Cohalan was named  
a Special Deputy Attorney-General  
by Attorney-General W. S. Jackson.

### Result of Cohalan's Labors.

Here follows a report made by Cohalan  
on Feb. 10, 1908, which, so far as  
can be ascertained, is the extent of his  
activity in forcing Mr. Ryan's corpora-  
tions to settle with the city.

"In the case of the Third Avenue  
Railroad the referee, ex-Judge  
Hall, has reduced the assessment  
of \$10,225,000, fixed by the State  
Tax Commissioners, to the sum of  
\$7,737,936.17, which, he holds, to be  
the real value of the property, and  
that this has then been reduced  
by him, on the theory that the  
equilibration of value, to the sum  
of \$5,107,817.23."

Ex-Judge Hall has been away from  
his office since early last June. He called  
for Europe June 20, 1908. The referee in  
these important proceedings—important  
to every taxpayer in the greater city—is  
still absent from the city. Ex-Judge  
Hall is reported at his office. He is ex-  
pected home not earlier than Oct. 2 next.

"On his return, ex-Judge Hall will  
next take up the Union Railway Com-  
pany," said an attaché of his office. "He  
has already determined upon the mat-  
ters of the Fulton Street Railway Com-  
pany and the Third Avenue Railway  
Company, cutting the State Tax  
Board's valuation of the latter's prop-  
erty nearly in half. Only the rail-  
way cases are coming to us, the gas

Once Ted Was Shunned  
By All the Boys;  
But Now He Is  
The Great "Big Noise."



The football craze hit Bearville,  
But found poor Teddy broke;  
He had no uniform to wear  
And no cigars to smoke.

A two-bit piece he borrowed  
And bought a World Ad, which  
Found him a good position.  
He's now half-back and rich.

If You Want a Position Leave It to a  
World "Situation Wanted" Ad. If You  
Are Disappointed It Won't Be The World's  
Fault.

## 25 PER CENT GO FROM ONE SINKING SHIP TO ANOTHER

Tourists Have Second Escape  
From Death After Groping  
in Fog in Small Boats.

### DOVER, Sept. 29.—The tourist steam

yacht Argonaut, which left London ves-  
terday bound for Lisbon with 250 per-  
sons, including passengers and crew, on  
board, went down between Dover and  
Dungeness early today, after having  
been in collision with the steamer  
Kingswell in a fog.

All on board the Argonaut took to the  
boats and came ashore here safely.  
The Argonaut sank so quickly that  
those on board barely had time to save  
themselves. Fortunately the sea was  
smooth and the transfer of the pas-  
sengers and crew to the small boats  
was made speedily. There was no  
panic. The people on board the Ar-  
gonaut lost all their baggage.

For an hour the Argonaut's boats  
grouped about in the fog for the steam-  
er Kingswell, which they finally reached  
and boarded. Finding that vessel in a  
sinking condition, the passengers again  
took to the boats and ultimately were  
picked up by the steamer Southwood,  
which brought them in here.

One woman lost jewelry worth \$30,000.  
The Kingswell was beached at Dungeness  
to prevent her sinking.

and light companies being sent out to  
other referees.

Cohalan hides behind the absence  
from the city of ex-Judge Hall for  
three months of his year and one-half  
service to our taxpayers. As for the  
other fifteen months, he pleads a delay  
on the part of the Corporation Council  
to provide him with an opinion.

Always go to the Corporation Council  
for an opinion when seeking to mislay  
an opportunity to serve the public at  
large.

### Law Is Ten Years Old.

"Certain of these cases were adver-  
tised in the sale of 1906, but for some  
reason, I presume upon the advice of  
the Corporation Council, they were  
withdrawn from the sale by my prede-  
cessor. It is my opinion that the city  
should proceed now to enforce the col-  
lection of these taxes, and that these rail-  
road corporations should be made to un-  
derstand that, so far as the city is con-  
cerned, no further extensions of time  
in which to make payments will be  
granted."

"It is now nearly ten years since the  
Special Franchise law was declared in-  
constitutional. The Court of Appeals has  
levied in accordance with the law, the  
companies have not paid them in the  
first instance, and they have gone into  
arrears and have been allowed to re-  
main there without any effective action  
on the city to enforce their collection."

In the case of arrangements against  
other property there does not appear  
to be any question, but under similar  
circumstances the Collector of Assess-  
ments and Arrears is required to pro-  
ceed and sell.

Cohalan's Duty Defined.

The Evening World calls the attention  
of Comptroller Metz to Section No.  
22 of Chapter 225 of the Laws of 1906,  
known as the "Tax Laws."

"It shall be the duty of the At-  
torney-General, or his assistant, to in-  
form the Comptroller or by the County  
Treasurer of any county that any  
corporation or individual who is liable  
for taxes, or neglects to pay the taxes  
imposed upon it, pursuant to articles  
one and two of this chapter, has been  
served with a notice to pay the same  
by the City of New York, and that the  
Attorney-General may recover such tax  
with costs from such delinquent cor-  
poration by action in any court of  
record."

To sequester is to "separate from the  
owner for a time," to seize or take  
possession of the entire street railway  
gas and electric property and hold it  
till the profits have paid the demand  
for which it is taken.

Attorney-General Jackson said today:  
"I am willing to proceed under  
section 202 whenever Comptroller  
Metz officially notifies me of the  
neglect or refusal of these com-  
panies to settle their tax bills. I  
am not at all satisfied with the way  
the certain proceedings are being  
conducted."

The Attorney-General, who was re-  
cently rejected for reappointment at the  
Democratic Convention by Murphy  
and Cohalan, leveled his chief  
criticism at Gov. Hughes.

While it is true that Cohalan has  
accomplished nothing, he said, "the  
Governor has done even less for the  
city than I have. His unexplained  
vetoes killed a bill passed by the Legis-  
lature which provided that all corpo-  
rations shall pay the amount of their  
taxes public utility rates and fees be-  
comes due or forfeit the right to have  
the assessment fixed by the State  
Tax Commission reviewed."

Millions Due the City.

The following are the amounts due  
the city of New York by some of the  
principal debtors:

Broadway and Seventh Avenue Rail-  
road, \$12,000; Metropolitan Street  
Railway Company, \$2,200,000;  
Avenue Railroad, \$500,000; New York  
Mutual Gas Light Company, \$37,000;  
New York and Hudson Railroad, \$1,100,000;  
Twenty-third Street Railway Com-  
pany, \$2,000,000; Christopher and Tenth  
Street Railroad, \$125,000; Ninth Avenue  
Railroad, \$200,000; Forty-second Street  
and Grand Street Ferry Railroad, \$14,000;  
Dixie Dock East River Ferry, \$100,000;  
East River Ferry, \$100,000; Inter-  
borough Rapid Transit Company, \$400,000;  
New Amsterdam Gas Company, \$40,000;  
United Electric Light and Power Com-  
pany, \$300,000; Fifty-fourth Street  
Cross Street Railroad, \$15,000; Port Jervis  
and Street, Manhattanville and St. Nich-  
olas Avenue Railroad, \$300,000; St. Nich-  
olas Avenue Railroad, \$300,000; Second  
Avenue Railroad, \$500,000; and New  
York and Harlem Railroad (city line), \$35,000.

## KERN AND SHERMAN MEET IN CHICAGO; SHAKE AND CHAT

Later Bryan's Running Mate  
Explains That Big Four  
Railroad Pass.

### CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Accidentally, but

as a fitting preface to the scheduled  
meeting of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft at  
a banquet here Oct. 7, John W. Kern,  
Democratic candidate for Vice-President,  
and James S. Sherman, Republican Vice-  
Presidential nominee, met here today.

Mr. Kern, in a dark business suit and  
the latest thing in green Fedora hats,  
was standing in the lobby of the Auditor-  
ium Annex when a bystander rushed  
up and asked to shake hands with "the  
next Vice President."

"Certainly, with pleasure," said Mr.  
Kern. "But to make sure you have the  
right man, shake hands with that man  
over there—that one with the side-  
whiskers. That's Mr. Sherman."

The stranger did as suggested, and  
then Mr. Sherman and Mr. Kern be-  
gan moving toward each other, and  
presently the long slender hand of the  
second man on the Democratic ticket  
was grasped in the plump one of his  
Republican opponent.

They smiled genially, exchanged felicitations  
on the drop in the temperature  
and other commonplace, and then de-  
parted to catch trains.

With reference to the Big Four Rail-  
way pass belonging to Mr. Kern and  
which was reported found yesterday, it  
leaked out that Mr. Kern had lost it  
along with the other contents of his  
pocketbook at Cornersville, Ind., upon  
his recent visit to that city. Mr. Kern  
believes that in the press of the crowd  
the wallet was deftly lifted from his  
pocket.

The pocketbook, minus the money, was  
found contained, but with the papers, in-  
cluding the Big Four pass intact, was  
found under a stone at Cornersville and  
reached the hands of a newspaper editor,  
who notified Mr. Kern at Balti-  
more that the purse had been found.

Mr. Kern stated today that the pass  
had been given him in the routine man-  
ner as an attorney acting for the Big  
Four railroad in a matter of damage  
cases.

Mr. Kern, accompanied by E. O.  
Woods, Democratic National Commit-  
tee man from Michigan, left this afternoon  
for Kalamazoo, Mich., where tonight  
Mr. Kern will open the Democratic  
campaign in Michigan.

## CAN VOTE IF CONVICTED BUT SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

Court of Appeals Decision Makes  
Franchise Sure for 20,000  
in the State.

ALBANY, Sept. 29.—In a decision  
handed down by the Court of Appeals to-  
day, it is held that a person who has  
been convicted of a crime and upon whom  
sentence was suspended can vote with-  
out first having been restored to citi-  
zenship. The question was raised by  
George Fabian, of New York, who was  
arrested for illegal voting, on the ground  
that he had not been restored to citizen-  
ship, having been convicted of a crime  
and sentenced to prison, and that he  
was not entitled to vote until he had  
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It is understood the decision will af-  
fect the right of about 20,000 to vote in  
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### DEMOCRATS' DRIBBLES.

Not a Cent From Ryan or  
Belmont—Republicans  
Call Bliss.

Both Republican and Democratic  
National Committees are broke. Their  
treasuries to-day are on the verge of  
bankruptcy. The problem in both Met-  
ropolitan Tower and Hoffman House  
headquarters is not of votes, but of  
dollars. Unless the conferences of to-  
day and to-morrow produce some sin-  
ews of war the campaign on each side  
will be shut down to quarter time.

Up to date, the Democrats have raised  
a little more than \$300,000, derived  
mostly from small subscriptions. The  
Republicans have secured not to ex-  
ceed \$50,000, raised in larger lump sums  
and from fewer individuals than the  
Democratic fund.

Both parties already have expended  
practically their entire receipts and  
have outstanding contracts that will  
tax their last reserves. Neither side  
has any money to undertake the final  
month's campaign, which always has  
been the most expensive period.

Seeking Advice of Bliss.

In Republican headquarters this  
morning Treasurer Sheldon summoned  
for advice Cornelius N. Bliss, the vet-  
eran collector of the last four national  
campaigns. They were joined later by  
Charles F. Brooks, the fat fryer of  
New England, and several millionaire  
members of the advisory committee.

Inspection of the books showed that  
the strictly individual subscriptions had  
been about the same as four years ago.  
The good Republicans who for love of  
party give from their own pockets all  
had been touched and responded. But  
the corporation ledger was a blank.

Chairmen Hanna and Cortelyou raised  
two-thirds of their enormous campaign  
funds from corporations. That source  
this year is completely dried up. Mr.  
Sheldon has nearly run his legs off in  
the financial region, only to meet with  
most discouraging results.

He has found a surprising spirit of  
determination on the part of company  
directors to obey the law in spirit as  
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## ROOSEVELT FORGOT IN REPLY TO BRYAN

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The letter, which was from John H.  
Marble, attorney of the commission,  
gives a list of ten railroad companies  
against which indictments have been  
returned.

It also cites several traffic officials  
against whom indictments have been re-  
turned and several instances where cor-  
porations have been convicted of giving  
or receiving rebates.

BRYAN'S PICTURES DOWN  
WHILE TAFT IS IN LINCOLN.

Democratic Candidate Asks Towns-  
men to Remove Lithographs and  
Show His Face Courtesy.

LINCOLN, Sept. 29.—W. J. Bryan has  
asked the Democrats of Lincoln to re-  
move the lithographs of himself from  
store and residence windows during the  
visit of William H. Taft to Lincoln  
Wednesday. These pictures are the  
germ of an exhibition of intense par-  
tishanship early in the campaign. The  
telegram follows:

"W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.:  
"Please ask the Democrats of Lincoln  
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every possible courtesy."  
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Marble, attorney of the commission,  
gives a list of ten railroad companies  
against which indictments have been  
returned.

It also cites several traffic officials  
against whom indictments have been re-  
turned and several instances where cor-  
porations have been convicted of giving  
or receiving rebates.